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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsuhiko MAEDA

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EXAMINER:

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REFERENCES

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- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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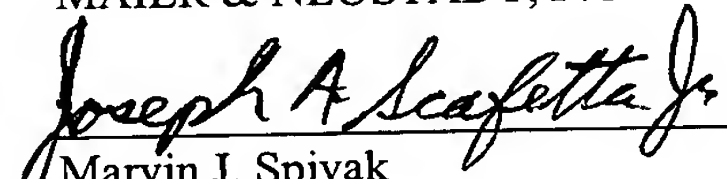
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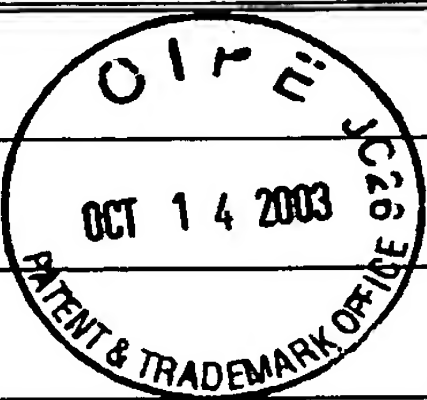
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2000-292720) on Form 1449:

This reference fails to teach or suggest an image forming apparatus which is constructed to include an image bearing member which is rotatably supported to bear a toner image, a light beam scanning section to simultaneously scan the image bearing member by a plurality of light beams so as to form an electrostatic latent image, a developing section to develop the electrostatic latent image into the toner image, a transfer section to transfer the toner image onto a recording medium, and an ON start timing adjuster to adjust an ON start timing of one of the plurality of light beams, based on an image tone of each of a plurality of patterns of an image pattern formed by the light beam scanning section.

This reference is discussed in the specification.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,137,518	10/24/2000	K. MAEDA			
	AB	6,292,206	09/18/2001	A. TAKEHARA, et al.			
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LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/ Applicant</u>
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